



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Ken HIRANO et al.**

Group Art Unit: **3654**

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Examiner: **Terrell Howard Matthews**

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For: **METHOD FOR SORTING AND RECOVERING FINE PARTICLES,  
AND APPARATUS FOR RECOVERY**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 31, 2006, the response date of which having been extended by three months to February 28, 2007, Applicants amend the claims as follows and submit the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.